

must conform to the minimum standards established pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651).

**§ 36.210 Submitting contract proposals.**

(a) When services under the proposed contract will be provided to one or more tribes within the jurisdiction of a single Area Office, the completed contract proposal with documentation of the tribal request(s) and approvals of each such tribe effected shall be delivered or mailed to the Area Director of that Area Office.

(b) When services will be provided to tribes within the jurisdiction of more than one IHS Area Office, a copy of such proposals and documentation shall be forwarded to each of the Area Offices affected.

**§ 36.211 Contract proposal approval officials.**

The Director or his delegate is authorized to approve proposals for contract under this subpart.

**§ 36.212 Review.**

Upon receiving a contract application, Indian Health Service will:

(a) Notify the tribal organization in writing that the proposal has been received. This notice will be made within five (5) calendar days after receipt of the proposal.

(b) Review the proposal for completeness and promptly request additional information from the tribal organization or from the requesting tribe which will be needed to reach a decision.

(c) Notify Area Office subordinate activities serving the tribe(s) which will receive services under the contract and obtain any needed information and/or relevant recommendations on the contract.

(d) Assess the contract proposal to determine if it is feasible and if it complies with the appropriate requirements of the Act and of the regulations in this subpart.

(e) Meet with representatives of the tribal governing body and contract applicant to resolve any declination issues.

(f) Whenever declination issues cannot be resolved as in paragraph (e) of

this section, notify the tribal organization of deficiencies in the proposal and provide to the extent practicable technical assistance, as requested, to overcome such deficiencies.

(g) Approve or disapprove the proposal after fully reviewing and assessing it and any additional information submitted by the tribal organization provided, however, that no action to disapprove shall be taken during the period of provision of technical assistance.

(h) Promptly notify the tribal organization in writing of the decision to approve or disapprove the proposal. If the proposal is disapproved, the notice shall contain but need not be limited to the following:

(i) Specific objections, which are based on failures to meet applicable program or administrative standards or fund restrictions, which preclude acceptance of the Indian Self-Determination Contract Proposal;

(ii) Guidance to the tribe regarding the steps which need to be taken to overcome the stated objections;

(iii) Identification of assistance which can practicably be made available to the tribe upon request to overcome the stated objections;

(iv) Notification to the tribal organization of its right to appeal and to request an informal or formal hearing in accordance with § 36.214 of this subpart.

**§ 36.213 Processing time.**

The approving official will approve or disapprove a contract proposal within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt. The sixty (60) calendar day deadline may be extended only after obtaining the written consent of the tribal organization.

**§ 36.214 Tribal appeals to proposal declinations.**

(a) On being advised that an Indian Self-Determination Contract Proposal has been disapproved by the appropriate approving official, and having been informed of the basis of such decision, the tribal organization may file a written appeal to the Contract Proposal Declination Appeals Board within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Declination Notice and may request an